Please amend Claim 30. The following is a complete listing of claims and

replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus which is connected

to a network and forms an image on the basis of image data acquired from the network,

comprising:

input means for inputting information that pertains to image data;

submission means for submitting an image request to the network on the

basis of the information input by said input means;

storage means for storing image data sent in response to the image request

submitted by said submission means;

parameter setting means for setting color-process parameters

corresponding to a type of image data stored in said storage means;

image processing means for controlling to execute an image process

corresponding to the image data stored in said storage means using the color-process parameters

set by said parameter setting means; and

image forming means for forming an image on the basis of the image data

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processed by said image processing means.

Claim 2 (presented previously): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said submission means submits the image request using a URL.

Claim 3 (presented previously): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a server which stores the image data and is connected to the network, and wherein said submission means submits a URL including an address of the server.

Claim 4 (presented previously): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image processing means changes an image process for the image data on the basis of whether an image corresponding to the image data requires tone reproduction or resolution.

Claim 5 (presented previously): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said input means includes a control panel provided to said image forming apparatus.

Claim 6 (presented previously): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said input means includes interface means for inputting via the network a command input at a

computer connected to the network.

Claim 7 (presented previously): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image processing means determines a characteristic of the image data on the basis of an extension included in a file name of the image data.

Claim 8 (presented previously): The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said image processing means determines a characteristic of the image data on the basis of a reply from said server.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image process includes at least some of a LOG conversion process, undercolor removal process, pulse-width modulation process, gamma conversion process, and binarization process and the color-process parameters specify parameters of those processes.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An image forming method in an image forming apparatus which is connected to a network and forms an image on the basis of image data acquired from the network, said method comprising:

an input step of inputting information that pertains to image data;

a submission step of submitting an image request to the network on the

basis of the information input in said input step;

a storage step of storing in a memory image data sent in response to the

image request submitted in said submission step;

a parameter setting step of setting color-process parameters corresponding

to a type of image data stored in the memory;

an image processing step of controlling to execute an image process

corresponding to the image data stored in the memory using the color-process parameters set in

said parameter setting step; and

an image forming step of forming an image on the basis of the image data

processed in said image processing step.

Claim 11 (presented previously): The method according to claim 10, wherein

said submission step includes a step of submitting the image request using a URL.

Claim 12 (presented previously): The method according to claim 10, wherein the

image data is stored in a server which is connected to the network, and said submission step

includes a step of submitting a URL including an address of the server.

Claim 13 (presented previously): The method according to claim 10, wherein said image processing step includes a step of changing the image process for the image data on the basis of whether an image corresponding to the image data requires tone reproduction or resolution.

Claim 14 (presented previously): The method according to claim 10, wherein in said input step, data is input from a control panel provided to said image forming apparatus.

Claim 15 (presented previously): The method according to claim 10, wherein in said input step, a command input at a computer connected to the network is input via the network.

Claim 16 (presented previously): The method according to claim 10, wherein said image processing step includes a step of determining a characteristic of the image data on the basis of an extension included in a file name of the image data.

Claim 17 (presented previously):   The method according to claim 12, wherein said image processing step includes a step of determining a characteristic of the image data on the basis of a reply from the server.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method according to claim 10, wherein the image process includes at least some of a LOG conversion process, undercolor removal process, pulse-width modulation process, gamma conversion process, and binarization process and the color-process parameters specify parameters of those processes.

Claim 19 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting a data acquisition request for a server on a network;

data acquisition means for accessing individual servers on the network in parallel, in a case where a plurality of such data acquisition requests for the individual servers are inputted by said input means, and for acquiring respective data from the individual servers;

image data generation means for generating image formation data on the basis of the data acquired by said data acquisition means;

image forming means for forming an image on the basis of the image

formation data generated by said image data generation means; and

control means for controlling said image data generation means to generate the image formation data in an order in which said data acquisition means has acquired the respective acquired data from the individual servers, and said image forming means to form an image in an order of the generated image formation data.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein, when data on a server includes location information which indicates locations where sub-data as building components of the data are held, all sub-data designated by the location information included in the data from the server are acquired by said data acquisition means, and generation of the image formation data by said image data generation means and image formation by said image forming means are started from data for which all data including the sub-data have been acquired.

Claim 21 (presented previously): The apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising:

timer means for measuring time required until completion of acquisition of data from the server;

setting means for setting a wait time; and

cancel means for canceling data acquisition from the server when a value

measured by said timer means exceeds a predetermined time.

Claim 22 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting a data acquisition request for a server on a

network;

data acquisition means for accessing individual servers on the network in

parallel, in a case where a plurality of such data acquisition requests for the individual servers are

inputted by said input means, and for acquiring respective data from the individual servers;

image data generation means for generating image formation data

corresponding to each server on the basis of the data acquired from the server by said data

acquisition means, wherein said image data generation means generates the image formation data

in an order in which said data acquisition means has acquired the respective acquired data from

the individual servers;

image forming means for forming an image on the basis of the image

formation data generated by said image data generation means; and

control means for controlling said image forming means to form an image

in an order of generation of the generated image formation data.

Claim 23 (presented previously): The apparatus according to claim 22, further

comprising:

timer means for measuring time required until completion of acquisition of

data from the server;

setting means for setting a wait time; and

cancel means for canceling data acquisition from the server when a value

measured by said timer means exceeds a predetermined time.

Claim 24 (previously presented): An image forming method comprising:

an input step of inputting a data acquisition request for a server on a

network;

a data acquisition step of accessing individual servers on the network in

parallel, in a case where a plurality of such data acquisition requests for the individual servers are

inputted in said input step, and acquiring respective data from the individual servers;

an image data generation step of generating image formation data on the

basis of the data acquired in said data acquisition step;

an image forming step of forming an image on the basis of the image

formation data generated in said image data generation step; and

a control step of controlling to generate the image formation data in an

order in which the respective acquired data have been acquired from the individual servers in

said data acquisition step, and to form an image in an order of generation of the generated image

formation data.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method according to claim 24, wherein,

when data on the server includes location information which indicates locations where sub-data

as building components of the data are held, all sub-data designated by the location information

included in the data from the server are acquired in said data acquisition step, and generation of

the image formation data and image formation are started from data for which all data including

the sub-data have been acquired.

Claim 26 (presented previously): The method according to claim 24, further

comprising:

a time measurement step of measuring time required until completion of

acquisition of data from the server;

a setting step of setting a wait time; and

a cancel step of canceling data acquisition from the server when a value

measured in said time measurement step exceeds a predetermined time.

Claim 27 (previously presented): An image forming method comprising:

an input step of inputting a data acquisition request for a server on a

network;

a data acquisition step of accessing individual servers on the network in

parallel, in a case where a plurality of such data acquisition requests for the individual servers are

inputted in said input step, and of acquiring respective data from the individual servers;

an image data generation step of generating image formation data

corresponding to each server on the basis of the data acquired from the server in said data

acquisition step, wherein the image formation data is generated in an order in which the

respective acquired data are acquired from the individual servers in said data acquisition step;

an image forming step of forming an image on the basis of the image

formation data generated in said image data generation step; and

a control step of controlling to form an image in an order of generation of generated image formation data.

Claim 28 (presented previously): The method according to claim 27, further comprising:

a time measurement step of measuring time required until completion of acquisition of data from the server;

a setting step of setting a wait time; and

a cancel step of canceling data acquisition from the server when a value measured in said time measurement step exceeds a predetermined time.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A storage medium which stores a program for implementing an image forming method in an image forming apparatus which is connected to a network and forms an image on the basis of image data acquired from the network, comprising:

an input step module for inputting information that pertains to image data;

a submission module for submitting an image request to the network on the basis of the information input in said input step module;

a storage step module of storing in a memory image data sent in response

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to the image request submitted in said submission step module;

a parameter setting step module of setting color-process parameters

corresponding to a type of image data stored in the memory

an image processing step module of controlling to execute an image

process corresponding to the image data stored in the memory using the color-process parameters

set by said parameter setting step module; and

an image forming step module of forming an image on the basis of the

image data processed in said image processing step module.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A storage medium which stores a program for

implementing an image forming method comprising:

an input step module of inputting a data acquisition requests for a server

on a network;

a data acquisition step module of accessing individual servers on the

network in parallel, in a case where a plurality of such data acquisition requests for the individual

servers are inputted in said input step, and of acquiring respective data from the individual

servers;

an image data generation step module of generating image formation data

on the basis of the data acquired in said data acquisition step module;

an image forming step module of forming an image on the basis of the

image formation data generated in said image data generation step module; and

a control step module of controlling to generate the image formation data

in an order in which the respective acquired data have been acquired from the individual servers

in said data acquisition step, and to form an image in an order of generation of the generated

image formation data.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A storage medium which stores a program for

implementing an image forming method, comprising:

an image step module of inputting a data acquisition request for a server

on a network;

a data acquisition step module of accessing individual servers on the

network in parallel, in a case where a plurality of such data acquisition requests for the individual

servers are inputted in said input step, and of acquiring respective data from the individual

servers;

an image data generation step module of generating image formation data

corresponding to each server on the basis of the data acquired from the server in said data

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acquisition step module, wherein the image formation data is generated in an order in which the

respective acquired data are acquired from the individual servers in said data acquisition step;

an image forming step module of forming an image on the basis of the

image formation data generated in said image data generation step module; and

a control step module of controlling to form an image in an order of

generation of the generated image formation data.